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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 8/11/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Response to Remarks:

Applicant's arguments regarding claims 1, 5, and 9 (Amendment pages 5-6) state that since the Steinberg reference discloses a camera that can interface with a programmable card to exchange information from a network through a computer connected to the network by cables, the reference fails to disclose downloading information "solely from the exclusive and predetermined remote location to the digital camera". The Examiner respectfully disagrees. It is true that the Steinberg reference discloses that a camera that can interface with a programmable card to exchange information from a network through a computer connected to the network by cables. However, the programmable card (36) is one of the various ways of communication between the message center (12) and the camera (14). Other ways of communication include a network transceiver (18), a digital (20) or analog (22) communication network, a cable connection (26), an external modem (30), an internal modem (32), and a computer (40) (page 2, paragraph 33). **Although there are various ways of**

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communication between a remote location (message center 12) and a camera (14) the communication is still solely between the remote location (message center 12) and the camera (14) (a.k.a. only messages from the message center (12) will be sent to the camera). Therefore, the Steinberg reference meets the limitations of the claims.

Applicant's arguments (Amendment page 6) state that the "other information such as the quantity of images taken by a camera, type of images, etc..." is not the same as the actual image data and therefore the Steinberg reference fails to teach uploading "image data from a digital camera solely to an exclusive and predetermined location". The Examiner respectfully disagrees. Steinberg discloses that an intelligent advertisement center may build a user profile for the camera based on image information from the camera such as the type of images in the camera (page 3, paragraph 39). The Examiner is reading the quantity of images and type of images as image data because the "other information" such as quantity of images and type of images constitute data that is generated based on the images captured by camera (14). Therefore, since the user profile is built based on image data (quantity of images, type of images) it can be seen that image data from the digital camera (14) is uploaded to a predetermined remote location (message center (12)).

Applicant's arguments regarding claims 2-4, 8, and 10-11 are the same as above therefore the remarks above also apply to the arguments regarding these claims.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 6-7, and 12-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claim 1-5 and 8-11 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Steinberg US 2002/0041329.

Re claim 1, Steinberg discloses in figure 1 a system (10) including a message center (12) and a digital camera (14) capable of communicating in various ways (page, 2, paragraph 33). When the camera (14) is turned on it automatically transmits a signal to a transceiver (18) for conveying the camera identification (ID) to a remote storage device (message center 12) and in response the remote storage device (12) transmits messages that are identified for the particular camera/user back to the camera (14)

(page, 2, paragraph 37). Therefore, since a camera ID is verified and message information is sent to the camera (14) corresponding to the camera ID it can be seen that message data (corresponding to the camera ID) is sent from the remote storage device (12) to the camera (14) via an exclusive connection. Although there are various ways of communication between a remote location (message center 12) and a camera (14) the communication is still solely between an exclusive and predetermined remote location (message center 12) and the camera (14) (a.k.a. only messages from the message center (12) will be sent to the camera). In a different scenario, an intelligent advertisement center may build a user profile for the camera based on image information from the camera such as the type of images in the camera (page 3, paragraph 39). The Examiner is reading the quantity of images and type of images as image data because the "other information" such as quantity of images and type of images constitute data that is generated based on the images captured by camera (14). Therefore, since the user profile is built based on image data (quantity of images, type of images) it can be seen that image data from the digital camera (14) is uploaded to a predetermined remote location (message center (12)). Also, figure 1 shows that only a message center (12) connected to the network can receive the image information. Therefore, the data is sent exclusively to the remote storage device.

Re claim 2, Steinberg states that an intelligent advertisement center may build a user profile for the camera based on image information from the camera such as the type of images in the camera (page 3, paragraph 39). The Examiner is reading the

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quantity of images and type of images as image data because the "other information" such as quantity of images and type of images constitute data that is generated based on the images captured by camera (14). Steinberg also states that the digital camera (14) includes a sensor (digital image acquisition apparatus 88) for generating images (page 4, paragraph 52). Thus it can be seen that image data (eg. Data indicating number of images taken) is formed when sensor (88) acquires images.

Re claim 3, Steinberg states that the camera (14) receives advertisement messages from the message center (12) and stores them in RAM (150) (page 3, paragraph 41). The camera (14) includes a ROM (149) and ROM (150) to store image data and advertisement messages within the camera (page 4, paragraph 53).

Re claim 4, the camera (14) includes a display (48) for viewing image data (number of images taken) and advertisement messages received from the message center (12) (page 4, paragraph 53; figure 2).

Re claim 5, Steinberg discloses in figure 1 a system (10) including a message center (12) and a digital camera (14) capable of communicating in various ways (page, 2, paragraph 33). When the camera (14) is turned on it automatically transmits a signal to a transceiver (18) for conveying the camera identification (ID) to a remote storage device (message center 12) and in response the remote storage device (12) transmits messages that are identified for the particular camera/user back to the camera (14)

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(page, 2, paragraph 37). Therefore, since a camera ID is verified and message information is sent to the camera (14) corresponding to the camera ID it can be seen that message data (corresponding to the camera ID) is sent from the remote storage device (12) to the camera (14) via an exclusive connection. Although there are various ways of communication between a remote location (message center 12) and a camera (14) the communication is still solely between an exclusive and predetermined remote location (message center 12) and the camera (14) (a.k.a. only messages from the message center (12) will be sent to the camera). In a different scenario, an intelligent advertisement center may build a user profile for the camera based on image information from the camera such as the type of images in the camera (page 3, paragraph 39). As disclosed above the communication is still solely between an exclusive and predetermined remote location (message center 12) and the camera (14) (a.k.a. image data from the camera (14) will only be sent to message center (12)). The Examiner is reading the quantity of images and type of images as image data because the "other information" such as quantity of images and type of images constitute data that is generated based on the images captured by camera (14). Therefore, since the user profile is built based on image data (quantity of images, type of images) it can be seen that image data from the digital camera (14) is uploaded to a predetermined remote location (message center (12)). Also, figure 1 shows that only a message center (12) connected to the network can receive the image information. Therefore, the data is sent exclusively to the remote storage device. Steinberg also states that the camera (14) receives advertisement messages from the message center (12) and

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stores them in RAM (150) (page 3, paragraph 41). Therefore, advertising data is downloaded from the predetermined remote location (message center (12)) to the digital camera (14). The camera (14) also includes a display (48) for displaying advertisement messages received from the message center (12) (page 4, paragraph 53; figure 2).

Re claim 8, figure 1 shows that only an intelligent advertisement center (message center (12)) connected to the network can receive the image information and build a user profile (page 3, paragraph 39). Therefore, uploading the image data occurs only at the predetermined remote location (message center (12)).

Re claim 9, Steinberg discloses in figure 1 a system (10) including a message center (12) and a digital camera (14) capable of communicating in various ways (page, 2, paragraph 33). When the camera (14) is turned on it automatically transmits a signal to a transceiver (18) for conveying the camera identification (ID) to a remote storage device (message center 12) and in response the remote storage device (12) transmits messages that are identified for the particular camera/user back to the camera (14) (page, 2, paragraph 37). Therefore, since a camera ID is verified and message information is sent to the camera (14) corresponding to the camera ID it can be seen that message data (corresponding to the camera ID) is sent from the remote storage device (12) to the camera (14) via an exclusive connection. Although there are various ways of communication between a remote location (message center 12) and a camera (14) the communication is still solely between an exclusive and predetermined remote

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location (message center 12) and the camera (14) (a.k.a. only messages from the message center (12) will be sent to the camera). In a different scenario, an intelligent advertisement center may build a user profile for the camera based on image information from the camera such as the type of images in the camera (page 3, paragraph 39). The Examiner is reading the quantity of images and type of images as image data because the "other information" such as quantity of images and type of images constitute data that is generated based on the images captured by camera (14). Therefore, since the user profile is built based on image data (quantity of images, type of images) it can be seen that image data from the digital camera (14) is uploaded to a predetermined remote location (message center (12)). Steinberg also states that the camera (14) receives advertisement messages from the message center (12) and stores them in RAM (150) (page 3, paragraph 41). Therefore, advertising data is downloaded from the predetermined remote location (message center (12)) to the digital camera (14). The camera (14) also includes a display (48) for displaying advertisement messages received from the message center (12) (page 4, paragraph 53; figure 2).

Re claim 10, Steinberg states that the digital camera (14) includes a camera digital image acquisition apparatus (88) for forming image data (page 4, paragraph 52).

Re claim 11, when the camera (14) is turned on it **automatically** transmits a signal to a transceiver (18) for conveying the camera identification to the message center (12) (page, 2, paragraph 37). Alternatively, an intelligent advertisement center

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may build a user profile based on image information from the camera (page 3, paragraph 39). Therefore, since the user profile is built based on image information it can be seen that image data from the digital camera (14) is uploaded to a predetermined remote location (message center (12)). Steinberg also states that the camera (14) receives advertisement messages from the message center (12) and stores them in RAM (150) (page 3, paragraph 41). Therefore, advertising data is downloaded from the predetermined remote location (message center (12)) to the digital camera (14).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5-7 and 12-18 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steinberg in view of Krishan et al. US 6,442,529.

Re claim 5, Steinberg discloses in figure 1 a system (10) including a message center (12) and a digital camera (14) capable of communicating in various ways (page, 2, paragraph 33). When the camera (14) is turned on it automatically transmits a signal

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to a transceiver (18) for conveying the camera identification (ID) to a remote storage device (message center 12) and in response the remote storage device (12) transmits messages that are identified for the particular camera/user back to the camera (14) (page, 2, paragraph 37). Therefore, since a camera ID is verified and message information is sent to the camera (14) corresponding to the camera ID it can be seen that message data (corresponding to the camera ID) is sent from the remote storage device (12) to the camera (14) via an exclusive connection. Although there are various ways of communication between a remote location (message center 12) and a camera (14) the communication is still solely between an exclusive and predetermined remote location (message center 12) and the camera (14) (a.k.a. only messages from the message center (12) will be sent to the camera). In a different scenario, an intelligent advertisement center may build a user profile for the camera based on image information from the camera such as the type of images in the camera (page 3, paragraph 39). As disclosed above the communication is still solely between an exclusive and predetermined remote location (message center 12) and the camera (14) (a.k.a. image data from the camera (14) will only be sent to message center (12)). The Examiner is reading the quantity of images and type of images as image data because the "other information" such as quantity of images and type of images constitute data that is generated based on the images captured by camera (14). Therefore, since the user profile is built based on image data (quantity of images, type of images) it can be seen that image data from the digital camera (14) is uploaded to a predetermined remote location (message center (12)). Also, figure 1 shows that only a message ,

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center (12) connected to the network can receive the image information. Therefore, the data is sent exclusively to the remote storage device. Steinberg also states that the camera (14) receives advertisement messages from the message center (12) and stores them in RAM (150) (page 3, paragraph 41). Therefore, advertising data is downloaded from the predetermined remote location (message center (12)) to the digital camera (14). The camera (14) also includes a display (48) for displaying advertisement messages received from the message center (12) (page 4, paragraph 53; figure 2).

Although the Steinberg reference discloses all of the above limitations, it fails to distinctly state that the digital camera is unable to exchange electronic information with any electronic devices except for the exclusive and predetermined location.

Krishan discloses a method for delivering targeted information over the internet. Krishan states that an advertiser (ISP 24) may pay a distributor (portal provider 20) based on the number of ads downloaded and displayed by a mini-portal and viewed by users (22) col. 6, lines 19-27). Krishan also states that validation stamps are sent by an exclusive and predetermined location (portal provider 20) to the mini-portals so that the mini-portals will only function upon receiving a validation stamp from the portal provider (20) (col. 8, line 53-col. 9, line 21). Thus, the Krishan reference teaches that advertising data is downloaded solely from an exclusive and predetermined remote location to a device for displaying advertisements. Therefore, it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art to have been motivated to implement the business method of an advertiser paying a distributor based on the number of ads viewed by a user and providing a device to a user for a reduced rate, the device only being able to transmit

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and receive data from an exclusive location (distributor) as disclosed by Krishan in the camera capable of downloading advertisements from a messaging center as disclosed by Steinberg. Doing so would provide a means for delivering advertising over a wireless connection and providing subsidized hardware in exchange for receiving advertising (Krishan: col. 1, lines 14-20).

Re claims 6 and 7, Krishan discloses a method for delivering targeted information over the internet. Krishan states that an advertiser (ISP 24) may pay a distributor (portal provider 20) based on the number of ads downloaded and displayed by a mini-portal and viewed by users (22) col. 6, lines 19-27). Krishan also states that the distributor (portal provider 20) may sell the mini-portal (modem) at a reduced price or provide it for free based on the advertising data downloaded by the mini-portal (col. 6, lines 49-65).

Re claim 12, Krishan states that validation stamps are sent by an exclusive and predetermined location (portal provider 20) to the mini-portals so that the mini-portals will only function upon receiving a validation stamp from the portal provider (20) (col. 8, line 53-col. 9, line 21).

Re claim 13, Krishan states that a distributor (portal provider 20) of mini-portals implements the functional characteristics (uploading, downloading, and displaying) of the mini-portals and also the portal provider (20) pushes advertising data to the mini-

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portals, the mini-portals display advertising data in an automatic manner, and a user (22) of the mini-portals is unable to prevent the displaying of the advertisements (col. 6, lines 49-67; col. 8, lines 60-65).

Re claim 14, Krishan states that the portal provider (20) distributes the mini-portals and administers and maintains an exclusive and predetermined remote location (portal provider 20) from which advertising data is downloaded (col. 6, lines 49-64).

Re claims 15 and 16, Steinberg states that an intelligent advertisement center may build a user profile based on information (uploading information) such as quantity of images taken, type of images, etc. in order to determine a class of interest (page 3 paragraph 39). Steinberg also states that advertising information is downloaded by a camera (14). Similarly, Krishan states that a portal provider (20) may push advertisements to a mini-portal and also obtain information from the computers of the users (22) in response to the advertisements that are sent using the mini-portals (col. 7, lines 17-64). Thus it can be seen that Krishan discloses a method involving a combined download/upload request (push advertisements and obtain information from users). Krishan also states that validation stamps are periodically sent by the portal provider (20) to the mini-portals in order to enable the mini-portals (col. 9, lines 1-67). Thus it can be seen that the download/upload request occurs at regular intervals according to the validation stamps sent by the portal provider (20).

Re claims 17 and 18, Krishan discloses a method for delivering targeted information over the internet. Krishan states that an advertiser (ISP 24) may pay a distributor (portal provider 20) based on the number of ads downloaded and displayed by a mini-portal and viewed by users (22) col. 6, lines 19-27). Krishan also states that the distributor (portal provider 20) may sell the mini-portal (modem) at a reduced price or provide it for free based on the advertising data downloaded by the mini-portal (col. 6, lines 49-65).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Watanabe et al. (US 2005/0198213) discloses an image downloading apparatus and an image downloading method. The information regarding a camera server downloading advertisements is relevant material.

Miron (US 6,401,239) discloses a system and method for quick downloading of electronic files. The information regarding distributing a computer for free in exchange for viewing advertisements is relevant material.

Anderson et al. (US 6,636,259) discloses a method of automatically configuring a web-enabled digital camera to access the internet. The information regarding sending advertisements to a camera is relevant material.

Contacts

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kelly L. Jerabek whose telephone number is **(571) 272-7312**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ngoc Yen Vu can be reached on **(571) 272-7320**. The fax phone number for submitting all Official communications is 703-872-9306. The fax phone number for submitting informal communications such as drafts, proposed amendments, etc., may be faxed directly to the Examiner at **(571) 273-7312**.

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